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USDA/NASS to Conduct Annual Mushroom Survey

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service is again conducting the *Mushroom Inquiry* to document the past growing year. In the Northeast, all mushroom growers in Maryland and Pennsylvania will be contacted about growing area, production, and value of sales for the growing year of 2018-2019, as well as growing intentions for the coming year.

Growers should receive a questionnaire in early July. If you do not receive a questionnaire, please contact the Northeastern Regional Field Office of USDA/NASS at 800-498-1518. Those not responding by mail will be contacted either by phone or in person during mid-July.

It is important that all mushroom growers participate in the *Mushroom Inquiry* so that accurate statistics on the mushroom industry are published. Mushroom statistics are used to help support the industry in many ways. All individual operation information is kept confidential and protected from freedom of information act requests.

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 891.2 million pounds during the 2017-2018 growing season, down 1.7 percent from the previous year. Pennsylvania accounted for 64 percent of the total volume of sales. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$1.128 billion dollars, up slightly from the 2016-2017 season. In Pennsylvania, the Agaricus crop was valued at \$572 million where growers received, on average, \$1.00 per pound for all Agaricus mushroom sales, up 4 cents from the previous year.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in the U.S. during 2017-2018 totaled \$105.7 million. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area and \$200 or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$4.06, was up 20 cents from the previous season.

These figures were taken from the 2018 U.S. Department of Agriculture’s, National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS) *Mushrooms* release. The entire report is available via the internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. This year’s survey results will be available on August 20, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

The complete *Mushrooms* release and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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